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Title: To the Soldiers

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As we Britannians, a great nation of many different races, continents, languages, and religions, prepare to go to war against a common enemy, one who threatens us all, we find the need pause and reᶜᵉect upon those principles which guide us, and which we hold close to our hearts. It is not merely through swiftness of arrow, strength of sword, and furvor of magick that we may survive as a people; Rather, we need keep unified in our hearts and in our minds, not only on the goal, that thing which we are to destroy, but also on that which we would preserve. I ask you to reᶜᵉect upon that which ties us to each other, and that which may drive you ever forward when your hearts fail you.

Our Lord British, though absent, has instilled in us a set of Virtues. It is for these Virtues, and by these Virtues, that we move into our enemy's domain. I ask you to reᶜᵉect upon one principle virtue: Courage.

Courage is not the absence of fear; It is more than the absence of cowardice. For Courage, as our Lord British has written, breeds Valor.

Valor guides us into the unknown, to forge attempts which seem impossible, in which many have lost faith. Let Valor guide your swords, your words, your arrows, and your shields.

Another Virtue, hidden in the depths of all of your hearts, is that of Sacrifice. Sacrifice, bred of Love and Courage, provides each of us with the strength to make decisions based upon a good outcome for all. It is true that many of you may die. But I remind you, that is not a Sacrifice made for nothing. It is a Sacrifice for your world. As our Lord British has written, 'A people who love each other will be willing to make personal sacrifices to help others in need.'

Carry your hearts strongly, nestled between Valor and Sacrifice. Think not on being prepared for death; Instead, think on being prepared for a newly safe and beautiful world, one which will have been saved by your efforts.

May the Virtues guide you all.

*This speech was delivered on the 14th of September, 2006, to all

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